

Randomness, Risk, and Electricity Prices

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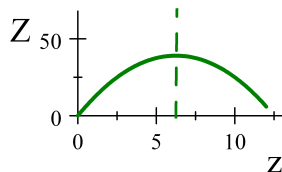
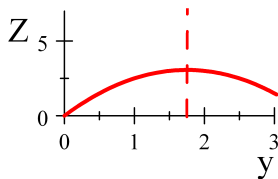
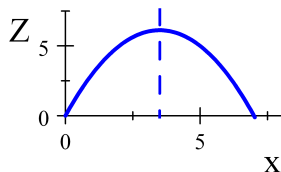
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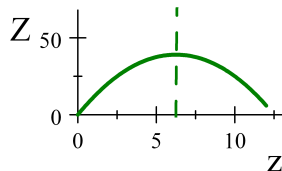
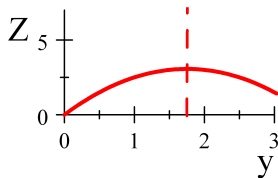
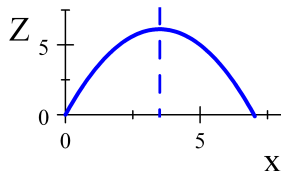
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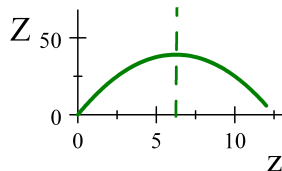
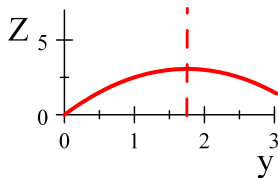
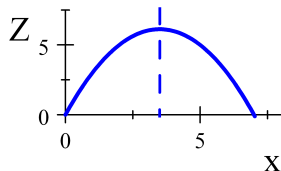
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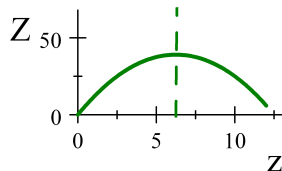
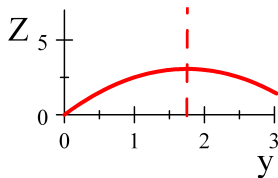
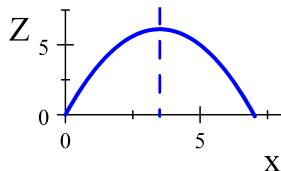
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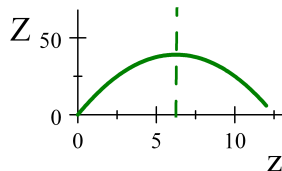
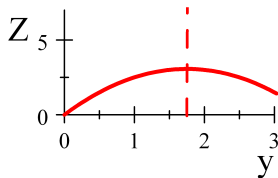
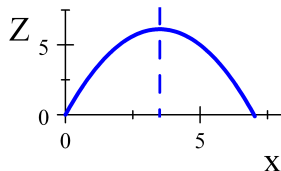
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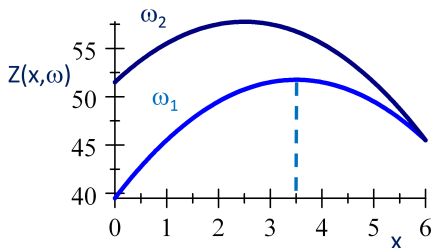
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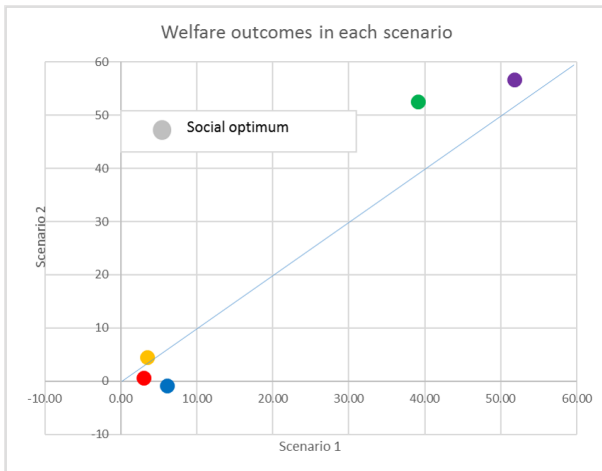
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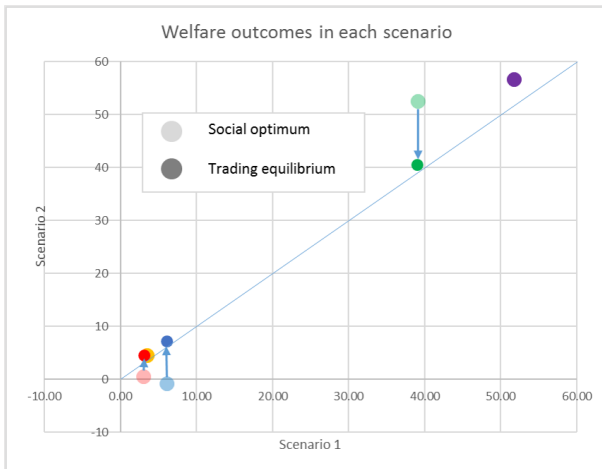
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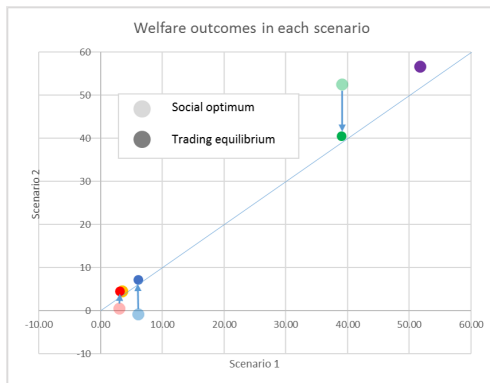
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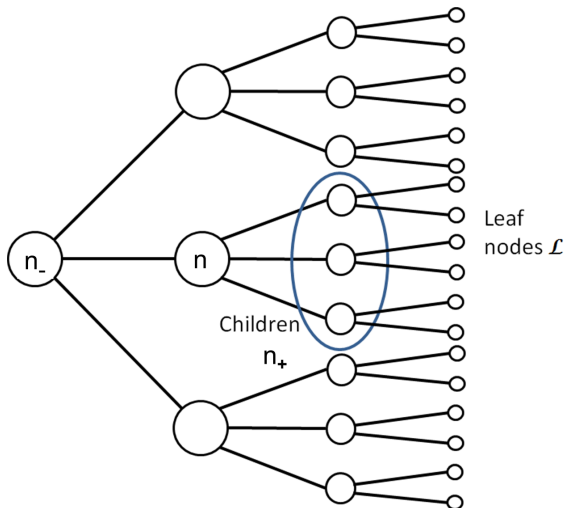
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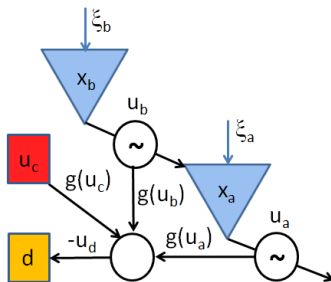


Ohau A power station in New Zealand's South Island
(Photo by By Ulrich Lange, Bochum, Germany - Own work)

A scenario tree represents uncertain inflow outcomes



Hydroelectric optimization and equilibrium with storage



Storage (i.e. batteries, hydroelectric reservoirs, pumped storage) adds **dynamics**. We have a storage **state variable** x_a for agent a affected by controls (e.g. reservoir releases, u , possibly from other agents) and random disturbances ξ (e.g. inflows).

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New definitions for multistage

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Multistage risk-trading equilibrium

A **multistage risk-trading equilibrium** $\text{RTE}(\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{A}})$ is a stochastic process of prices $\{\pi(n)\}$, $\{\alpha_a(n)\}$, $\{\mu(n)\}$, and a corresponding collection of actions, $\{u_a^*(n)\}$, $\{x_a^*(n)\}$, $\{W_a^*(n)\}$, $\{\theta_a^*(n)\}$ with the property that $(u_a^*, x_a^*, W_a^*, \theta_a^*)$ solves the problem $\text{AO}_a(\pi, \alpha, \mu, \mathcal{D}_a)$, and at every node $n \in \mathcal{N}$

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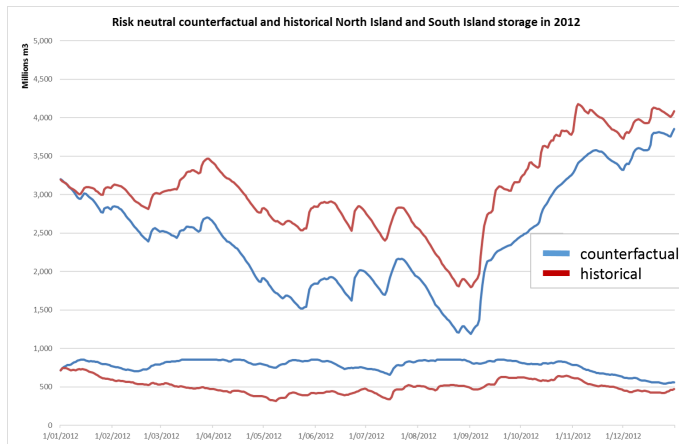
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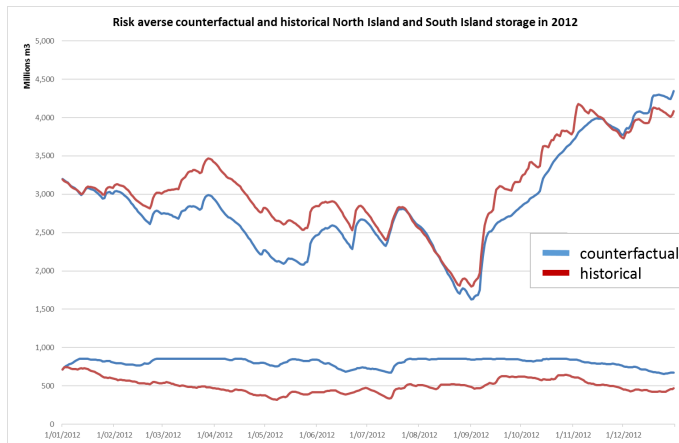
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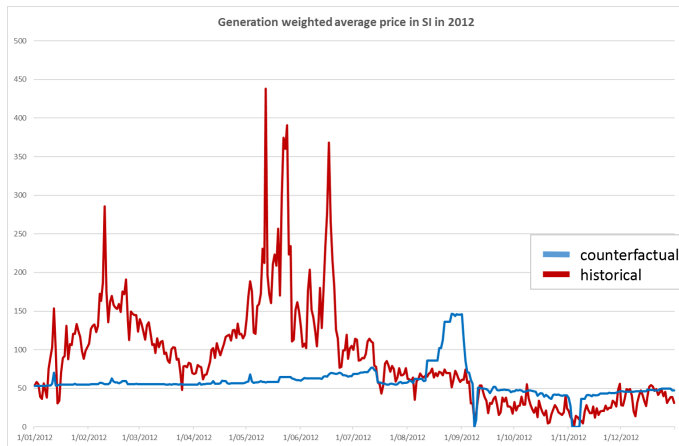
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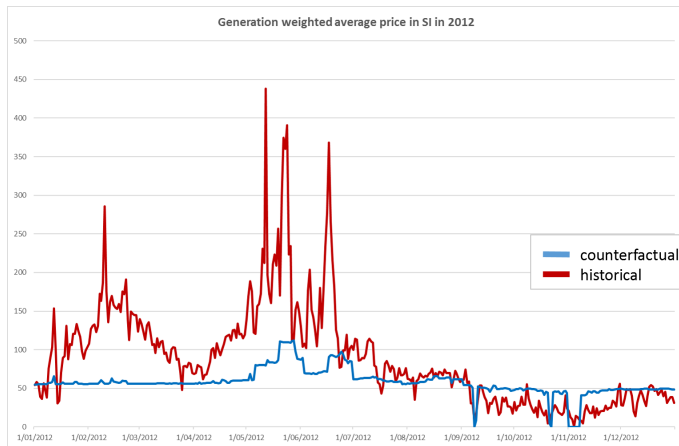
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